

**THIRTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALABAMA**  
***(THE COURTS OF DALE AND GENEVA COUNTIES)***

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 08-10-2021**

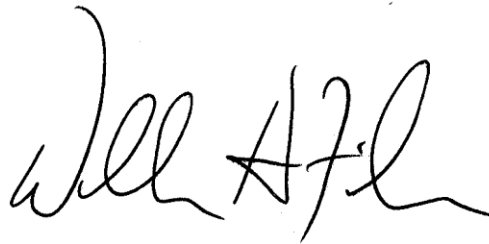
Due to the local increase in COVID cases, in order to protect those appearing in court, whether as jurors, witnesses, attorneys, parties, spectators, the public or otherwise, and to protect the staff who work with the public daily, it is hereby ORDERED that:

Effective as of August 10, 2021, until this order is modified or rescinded and except as may be further ordered by the court, social distancing and wearing facial masks or other appropriate face coverings are required for all persons in the courtrooms, hallways, restrooms, witness rooms, jury rooms, meeting rooms, and common areas connected to the Courtrooms in the Dale and Geneva County Courthouses and designated Annexes. The mask or face covering shall be sufficient to cover, and shall cover, a person's nose and mouth. Masks may be removed when addressing the Court so that the parties can be understood by participants in the judicial process. This mask mandate shall apply to all persons over the age of two (2) years, whether vaccinated or not, in the courtrooms. Judges retain the authority to authorize the removal of facial coverings in their individual courtrooms and in chambers.

Social distancing shall continue to be observed and followed by all persons in a courtroom in this Circuit. This order applies to all attorneys, parties, witnesses, law enforcement of all agencies.

Anyone failing to observe these rules may be removed from the Courtroom and be subject to further contempt sanctions by the judge presiding.

**DONE** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Will H. Filmore', written in a cursive style.

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William H. Filmore  
Presiding Judge  
Thirty-Third Judicial Circuit